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### THE CORRECT ROUTE TO THE GOLD MINES.

ELWOOD, Kansas, opposite to ST. JOSEPH, Mo., the terminus of the Hannibal and North Branch Railroad, is the first starting point on the Missouri River. It is the old California Route, and wood, water and grass can be found in abundance almost the entire route. The following table of distances will be found to be correct:

From Elwood to Wallaces.....	23
Wolf River.....	25
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Opalville.....	40
Crossing of Pacific.....	40

After making the crossing, the emigrant will take the road on the South side of the Platte. The road is, in places, sandy. Nothing but a few scattering trees and a few cattle to Beaver Creek. A good camp can be made on the South Platte, the whole route—best to sleep for wood.

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Denver City, mouth of Cherry Creek, 646 miles.	

### ELDIADO SALOON.

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The Michigan Legislature passed a registry law previous to its adjournment.

For the Pioneer.  
SONG FOR THE TIMES.  
By a Pioneer Individual.

Time—"Hard Times" come again no more.  
There's a crowd in every village, and every town, satir,  
Who are going to gather up the gold.  
There's a sound in every cottage, and a  
"Pike's Peak" is the land for the young and old.

Chorus—"Tie the life and the dream of the many,  
"Pike's Peak," "Pike's Peak," the land of hope and hope,  
Many ways we have wandered and now we are told,  
"Pike's Peak" is the place to make your home.

There's a young lady—alike, scarce sixteen summers old,  
Whose thoughts o'er the distant prairie roam,  
Where the ideal of her vision is digging for the gold.  
"Pike's Peak" is the place to make your home.

Chorus—"Tie the life and the dream of the many, etc."  
"Face the world, says the farmer to his loving child and wife,  
Be merry till the day we meet again."  
"Pike's Peak" is the place to get the gold.  
"I am tired," says the merchant for selling goods for years;  
When a fortune can be made in half the time.  
So he takes a barrel of whiskey, besides a  
"Pike's Peak" is the place to get the gold.

There is youths of every nation and men from far and near,  
Who are going to make their fortunes quick.  
There goes "paddy" with his shovel, there Yecup with his beer—  
"Pike's Peak" is the place to take the chunk.

### OUR AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS.

A very pertinent inquiry, and one made daily by persons engaged through for the purpose of engaging in agricultural pursuits is, "how is the soil adapted for farming, purpose," or "what kind of a farming country have you."

At first sight the soil of the prairie presents rather a discouraging appearance to the farmer, and he looks to the bottom lands as his only resource.

We have conversed with gentlemen who are familiar with this country from Ft. Bridger to Loveland, and are informed that the soil is infinitely preferable to that of New Mexico, where grain and vegetables equal to such as is raised in the States can be produced.

Irrigation doubtless will be necessary in some places, but it will be some time before such a thing will be necessary, as there is sufficient

bottom land to accommodate all who will follow agricultural pursuits for some time to come, and the upper prairies will be used for stock ranges.

Quintin Theodore and William Parkins are opening a farm in the cotton below town, and are well satisfied with the soil.

Above town, on the opposite side of the river, a large farm is being opened, vegetable gardens are being opened on Louisa creek, Clear creek, and other places, and in no instance there we have conversed with those engaged in these enterprises, any doubts felt, or fears entertained as to a successful result.

Persons who will visit the Mexican and other places can see for themselves the depth of the soil.

Almost the entire length of Cherry creek rich prairie lands can be found, and along the base of the mountains are beautiful tracts as can be found anywhere.

On looking the Indians have been raising corn for years; in fact our own opinion is that, if this country was set a little back, it will prove better than the most sanguine have anticipated.

THE GOLD MINES.

Until within the last 20 days the mountains have been so blocked up by snow and ice, as to prevent anything like successful prospecting.

But since that time we have reports of rich diggings having been struck in the mountains, and which report we believe to be reliable.

On all the streams flowing from the mountains, north of the Platte Canon, \$25,000 may be found in tin, lead and iron, but not any distance in the banks.

Does it not follow, that gold in its original state must be in the mountains from which the streams flow. To attest this, shot-gold has already been found for a distance of 15 miles back of Boulder creek Canon.

One little gulch has already been discovered which will average \$5 per day to the man with a rocker. We have well substantiated reports of \$10 diggings having been struck about ten fifteen miles from the above named Canon.

It is true that every indication of gold in the mountains, north of Clear creek Canon, equals that of California, this is admitted by many Californians who have been in the mountains.

Many men are returning to the States—What are the circumstances under which they retrace their steps. Simply these, they came here just at

the opening of spring, expecting men who have been here during the winter to point them out rich diggings disappointed in this they turn back. They have not stopped to consider that men who came here as early as the 1st of last November, had their cabins to build, and when that was done winter had set in, and although on the prairies the winter was mild and open, the mountains were completely inaccessible, and have been so until within the last few days.

We think the reports of gold have been exaggerated, but we firmly believe that effective prospecting in the mountains will develop rich and extensive diggings.

Denver city.

Denver city is situated at the mouth of Cherry creek, on the east bank, and in the center of all the gold diggings yet discovered. The city was organized on the 22d day of May, 1858. It now contains one hundred and fifty houses, with at least one hundred others under way. The buildings are of good substantial house with one hotel, Blake & Williams, now open. The city is one and a half miles from the river, high and 30 feet wide by 112 feet deep. Besides the five good stores, there are three small ones, and a large one, Ken & Co. and a commodious hotel, buildings. We have already five good stores, to-wit, Messrs St. James & St. Vrain, Louis Armand Lawrence Bolduc and Blake & Williams; with two others that will be open in a few days. Messrs Broadwell and Wm. Fisher; two of the above are from Fort Laramie, and Blake & Williams from Iowa—all the balance from New Mexico. Besides these Wm. Cougibright a new store and may others are daily expected from the States. We have two good saloons, and a large bakery, nearly completed, with a regular butcher; Jno. Gregory & Co. We have treatment of every kind, but they have not as yet permanently located. We have in addition a first class boarding house, Wm. Murale. The country seat of Arapahoe county is located here with the Court house building on the west side of the square 20 by 40 feet. The roofs of the buildings are varied, some pine shingles, some slate, and many of the best roads are made of mud—same as here in a gale we use, both at Ft. Laramie and New Mexico. Messrs Wright & Coover have established a lumber yard in the city—they deal saw mill, located in the vicinity. All the migration that arrives from the Missouri river land here, as well as all from the States, and the Arkansas. Denver city is situated on a beautiful site commanding a full view of Pike's Peak and Long Peak, and all the intermediate Mountains, and distant 12 miles from the base of the Mountains. Denver city is located on the west side of Cherry creek, directly opposite Denver city, the new and flourishing town of Arapahoe city, Boulder city, Jefferson, Golden, Russellville, Mountains and Pacific city.

—Henry Ward Beecher lectured in Buffalo recently. The deed was very dandy, and whipping out a red bandanna, he wiped it off, remarking that "probably the last speaker had left some of his spirit behind him."











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# 5078 Convention of Delegates to form a New State.

Agreeable to previous notice a Convention was held in Auraria on the fifteenth inst., to take into consideration the propriety of forming a State out of parts of Kansas, Nebraska New Mexico and Utah Territories.

When on motion Gen. Wm. Larimer was appointed Temporary Chairman, and Henry McCoy temporary Secretary.

On motion of Hon. A. L. Smith, the following persons were appointed to examine the credentials and report the list of Delegates.

Committee, Messrs. Smith, Rogers, Slaughter and Cook.

The committee reported the following list of Delegates through their chairman, Fountain city, H. McCoy, col. G. McDougle, H. Rogers, M. J. Shaw, A. A. Thomas and Hmi. S. W. Wagoner.

Eldorado and Elpasso, J. Hinton, Winchester, Warren, Gilmore, Putnam, Edwards and Thomas.

Arapahoe, Messrs. Fisk, Castro, pollock, Cochran, Cook, and Davidson.

Auraria, M.ears Allen, Slaughter, russel, Cook, Melchne and pollock.

Denver, Messrs. Smith, lowry, Blake, Merrick, larimer and Clancy.

Mr. Blake moved the appointment of a committee of one from each precinct to report permanent officers of the convention. The committee took a recess of ten minutes.

The committee through their chairman report the following named persons permanent officers of the convention.

For president, Hon. S. W. Wagoner, vice presidents, Messrs. larimer, McDougle, cook, Gilmore and pollock.

For secretary, John Merrick, as assistant secretaries, Messrs. shawler, Warren, Blake, Hinton, and Fisk.

Messrs. clancy and slaughter, on motion, appointed a committee to conduct the president to the chair. The rules laid down in Jefferson's manual, were on motion of Gen. larimer, adopted for the government of the convention.

Motion of Melchne, capt. Humphrey was chosen sergeant at arms. Moved that a committee of two from each precinct be appointed to report business for the convention, and that each delegation should select their members.

The following persons were delegated.

Auraria, Allen and pollock.

Denver, larimer and clancy.

Arapahoe, Fisk and Davidson.

Fountain, McCoy and Rogers.

Elpasso and Eldorado, Gilmore and Winchester.

The convention was about to adjourn until seven o'clock when the gov. arose and made some appropriate remarks, which were well received. The convention then ad

Journal at seven o'clock.

At the appointed time the convention re-assembled; and H. Allen chairman, reported preamble and resolutions, which were amended and passed as follows:

The delegates from the precincts of Denver city, Auraria, created by the act of Congress, and El Dorado and El Paso, of the county of Arapahoe, Kansas Territory, in convention assembled in the city of Denver, on the 15th day of April, 1859, do adopt the following preamble and resolutions viz:

Whereas, A very large number of citizens of the U. S. having in a very short time been brought together at this remote point of the Union, and by the discovery of rich gold in this locality, and the good prospects of success held out here to the farmer, mechanic, trader and professional man, and being vigorously impressed by our recent journey "hither over the plains, with the great distance that heterogeneous and active population is removed from any seat of Government either Territorial or State, of the United States, where our wants could be made known, our civil and religious rights protected and our wrongs redressed; having also been impressed with the belief, from early and recent precedents, of the power, and benefits of self Government; and that the evils attending the government of bodies of men by agents of States or Territories is a distance from the locality without representation;

Whereas, We men of various vocations in life, having found not only that we have sought not only abounding in gold just as represented by the majority of those who have written the subject of these western gold fields, and of all those who were in the habit of weighing well what they wrote; and lastly, that the country is rich likewise in timber, in rock and cryte-lites, a country with soil capable of producing food for the laborer, equal to the richest western agricultural States, at least superior to those of New England; and abundant in stock, equal to the richest western agricultural States, at least superior to those of New England; and abundant in stock, equal to the richest western agricultural States, at least superior to those of New England; and abundant in stock, equal to the richest western agricultural States, at least superior to those of New England;

Whereas, Owing to the absolute and pressing necessity for an immediate adequate government for the large population now here and soon to be among us actively engaged in the various acts of life, and aware of the impossibility of an early formation into a territorial Government that duty having been urged by the recent session of Congress; and also (thinking that a Territorial Government is not so much so large and peculiarly situated population demands their exertions.)

Resolved, That the State contemplated shall embrace the following territory, viz: Beginning at the mouth of the Colorado at its northern extremity, and extending to the intersection of the 102nd meridian with the 43rd parallel of north latitude, and running west to the said parallel to its intersection with the 10th meridian of west longitude, thence east to the 10th meridian of north latitude, thence east to the 1st parallel of the meridian, and thence north to the beginning; and that the name thereof shall be the State of JEFFERSON.

Resolved, That the citizens of the proposed State be requested to elect delegates to attend a constitutional convention to be held in Denver City, on the 1st Monday in June, 1859, and said election of delegates shall be held on the 20th Monday of May next or between that time and the time specified for the meeting of the convention.

That it shall be the duty of said convention when convened, to prepare a constitution for the said State, to call an election for State officers and members of the Senate and Legislature, and to specify the time and place of holding said election and appoint election officers of each precinct.

That said constitution shall be submitted to the people for ratification, or adoption at said election, and if rejected, the said election shall be considered null and void. Said election shall be conducted by the officers of similar character.

Said convention shall consist of delegates as follows, One delegate from every precinct, and one additional delegate for each

250 inhabitants of each precinct, and each delegation shall be bound to present to the convention satisfactory proof of the number of voters in its precinct.

precincts as follows: Fort Laramie, Colorado, Casper, Arapahoe city, Boulder city, Lampton, Fort, Cheyenne pass, South park, Middle park, Jefferson, Boulder's Ranch, Aurora, Denver city, Douglas city, Eldorado, Fountain city, Ft. Grant, Mountains, Brownsville, Wafar, Rawlins, Elgin, Canon City, Junction city, and that the central committee shall have power to organize any precincts that may come into the convention; also to see that the different precincts are furnished with a copy of the above resolutions, and request their cooperation, and to do whatever they may think best to carry out the object of their meeting.

By motion of A. L. Smith, the following persons were appointed to prepare an address to the citizens of the proposed new state of Jefferson.

The committee was made to consist of Messrs. Smith, russel, Winchester, McCoy and casto.

Hon. Mr. clancy then moved the appointment of a central committee to receive and govern the delegates appointed. Hon. clancy, Davidson, Gilmore, shawler, and slaughter.

The proceedings of the convention were, on motion, ordered to be published in the Kansas, Nebraska New Mexico, Utah and washington city papers, and all other papers friendly to the proposed state of Jefferson.

A vote of thanks was tendered the officers of the convention and to Mr. whooten or the use of the hall. Then on motion adjourned.

John Merrick, act.

G. Wagoner, proc.

In the hurry of business, we are compelled to live but a faint out of the convention. Most of the members took an active part in the discussions, which were conducted in perfect harmony. This important subject shall receive more attention in our next issue.

## THE MINES.

As every who comes in is anxious to learn the locality of the diggings, we append a list of the names of those places which have been prospected and worked, at the same time advising all to take the word of no one, nor believe a title of the thousand conflicting reports that are in circulation.

The mines are as follows, Spanish diggings, dry creek, plum creek, bronze creek, clear creek, saugers fork, Thompson's fork, South park and several other places.

The weather at present is entirely too cold to admit of successful mining in the mountains, those who are there have had to labor under very disadvantage. Those who have been engaged in the mine are generally satisfied with their prospects, and feel sanguine that this summer will develop rich diggings.

For three years after the discovery of gold in California, it was by many pronounced a humbug, and the same will be said of this country.

There are a great many men in this country who could not be induced to return to the states so will

are they satisfied with their prospects. The country, however, is yet to develop itself. No man can, to any certainty, tell what two or three months will bring forth. The whole thing, thus far is but an experiment. That there is gold to be found in almost any part of the country, no man who has been here can deny. The smallness of the particles and the scarcity of water, are at present, the great hindrance, but these objections will, without doubt be overcome in time. The main dependence, however, for the present is in the mountains.

Animals.—A Train of six wagons arrived at Denver City April 14th, Wm. Valentine, Capt.

Time from St. Joe., 23 days. The following gentlemen are from La Salle, Ill.—W. H. Valentine, J. Swartholt, E. Bowen, W. G. Teller, Jas. O. Strout., J. Libby, W. H. Allen, A. Girard, E. Pres ott, L. Miley, N. Graham, P. W. Gould, S. Penr, M. Washam, C. Snyder, A. Banter, S. C. Metcalf, J. Viehe and G. Shepherd.

Messrs. B. an, Bedard & Co., are expected soon.

—The New York 'Times' says: "There are abundant rumors about to the effect that Buchanan is likely to lead to the lymanal altar an accomplished and estimable widow of Georgia. This may account for the special care and neatness of the gentlemen's dress. It is a matter of frequent remark that Mr. Buchanan, in his handsome brown frock coat, white vest and cravat, and patent leather pumps, is one of the most elegantly dressed young men in the capital.

"Bob, why don't you wheel that barrow of coal?" said a learned miner to one of his sons; it is not a very hard job, and there is an inclined plane to relieve you." "Yes replied Bob, who had more relish for wit than work, "the plane may be inclined but hung me if I am."

It is said—the presidency is gravitating to Douglas, and will drop into his hands; since the presidency fell to Buchanan," says rence, "there is no telling where it won't drop."

Messrs. Lane and Smith have taken their seats in the U. S. senate, as senators from Oregon. The former drew the long term, expiring March fourth. The latter holds his seat for two weeks.

—It is said, and we believe very truthfully, that childhood is like a mirror, seizing and reflecting images around it.—Therefore remember that an impious or profane word uttered by a parent and imprinted on the young heart like water on polished steel—stain it with rust that no after rubbing will remove.